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**PATENT A**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Thomas St. Myer  
Serial No. : 09/684,729  
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Title : STEERING COLUMN WITH IMPROVED  
HOUSING  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 13, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** There are no amendments to  
the specification.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Amendments to the claims are  
reflected in a listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** There are no amendments to the  
drawings.

**Remarks/Arguments:** Remarks begin on page 27 of this paper.

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